

ONE PIECE RAIN GUTTER AND LEAF GUARD APPARATUS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0034] A one-piece rain gutter and leaf guard apparatus is formed from a single sheet of aluminum. The rain gutter includes a formed trough portion that has a conventional scalloped front aesthetic appearance with a generally vertical back wall and a smooth bottom floor. The leaf guard portion is integrally formed with the trough portion and includes a 180 degree fold that permits generally vertical movement of the leaf guard portion relative to the trough portion. A rear reinforcement flange is formed to project above the trough and leaf guard for mounting of the gutter to the facing board of the roof soffit below the drip edge of the roof. The front edge of the leaf guard is connected to the forward edge of the trough portion by detachable fasteners to provide a rigid support to the forward edge of the gutter trough along the entire length of the gutter.